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DEM ANNOUNCES START OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AIMED AT CAPPING FORMER ROSE HILL REGIONAL LANDFILL IN SOUTH KINGSTOWN

PROVIDENCE - The Department of Environmental Management announces that final capping construction activities at capping the Rose Hill Regional Landfill Superfund Site in South Kingstown are expected to begin during the week of October 23.

Landfill cap construction was split into two phases, with all construction due to be completed by winter 2007. Phase I activities that were completed in spring 2006 included clearing and grubbing, consolidating waste from the bulky waste area and from under the road leading to the transfer station, maintaining soil and sediment erosion controls, razing a former weight scale building, reinstalling a damaged culvert at the Mitchell Brook, relocating a six-inch water line to the transfer station, restoring the transfer station road, and preparing the site for the installation of the landfill cap. In total, 243,000 cu/yards of waste material were consolidated. Phase II activities will include restoring the bulky waste area, removing and blending soil from the sewage sludge area, restoring two impacted wetland areas adjacent to Mitchell Brook, installing a landfill gas collection system, and constructing a multi-layer cap.

The design for the landfill cap and field activities associated with the design were completed in December of 2004. The Phase I construction contract was completed in the spring of 2006. The Phase II construction contract was awarded in September to the low bidder, E.T.&L Corporation, of Stow, MA, a construction company with experience in landfill construction both in Rhode Island and throughout New England.

The 70-acre Rose Hill Regional Landfill Superfund Site is located in an abandoned sand and gravel quarry, which was used as a municipal landfill from 1967 to 1983. In addition to municipal solid waste, industrial wastes from local industries were disposed of at the site. Disposal of those wastes led to contamination of groundwater, surface water, and air in and around the site. The site was placed on the Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund National Priority List in 1989, and a Record of Decision outlining the proposed remedial action was signed in 1999. Under terms of a settlement agreement, South Kingstown and Narragansett, as well the state and federal government, are providing funds for site remediation.

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